

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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The Blood of Lost Souls Will Fall Upon Somebody. Will it be You?

The Year For Exploits in The Service of God Has Surely Come !

WORK AND PREACH

Every Minister Should Give His Whole Time to The Ministry.

THERE IS WORK FOR EVERY ONE TO DO AND NOBODY SHOULD BE IDLE.

These are days when work must be done. This is the time to preach the Word. There is no time now for much else but work and preach. It seems almost like stealing to spend a little time in sociability. The time is so short and there is so much work to do, and so many perishing souls to preach to, that one that is on fire for God can hardly be sociable.

It is the same way about sleep. There is hardly any time to sleep. Many of us have such a zeal for God, and are so interested in getting souls saved that we would not sleep at all if our bodies could only hold up without it. Many that only sleep about five or six hours now used to think they could not get along without eight or nine hours.

What a change! But what has caused this great change? What is it that prompts the Lord's true saints to want to work so hard and preach so much? There is surely a cause. It must be because the time for service is so short. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." This is the way we feel about it. And no wonder; if Jesus was that way of course His body—the Church—will be that way. And we are followers of Him that scarcely had any time for rest after He once came into public life.

Work and preach! Of course we will do it! A lazy man is no good to preach. If he should try it he would not succeed. A lazy man is not in demand. There is no place in this great harvest field for one that will not work. Too much to do. One cannot stay in the field and not work. If he stays he has to work. Yea, if he stays he will want to work, and if he does not want to work he will get out.

Paul has some people a little bit confused. Others are a good deal confused. They do not know how to take him. And Peter, as great a man as he was, once wrote of him thus, "Our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." (2 Peter 3:15,16.)

People often say that Paul worked and preached. Yes, this is true, for it is said that he worked with Aquila and his wife who were tent makers. (Acts 18:3.) He also said himself "that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me." (Acts 20:34.) And "even unto this present hour *** (we) labor, working with our own hands." (1 Cor. 4:11,12.) "For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, be-

cause we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God." (1 Thes. 2:9.) "Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you." (2 Thes. 3:8.)

If these were all the Scriptures that there are on the subject it would be very easy to conclude that every preacher had to make his own living and preach, too. But while Paul thus describes his own experience, he also teaches "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14,) "for the laborer is worthy of his hire." (Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18; Matt. 10:10.)

If there were no revivals to hold, or souls to save, it might do for a preacher to work with his hands during the week and preach on Sunday, but since there are so many that have never heard, and so many dropping into hell for the want of some body to tell them of salvation, and pray and cry over them till they are saved, I do not see any place for a preacher to work for wages at secular employment to make a living for himself and family and preach part of the time too.

The doctrine I have been preaching for years, and I believe it is Scriptural too, is that, if God has called you to preach you had better preach. If He has called you to plow or engage in other business pursuits, then do it for the glory of God. If you are going to preach, then preach, and if you are not, then do something else and make all the money you can honestly and honorably and support the preacher that is preaching while he preaches and labors for the salvation of souls.

The time is about over to play at this thing. God does not want half-hearted service at anything. He wants a man to put his whole soul into the service whatever it is. It is not out of order to call attention to the verse referring to the hot or cold or lukewarm state. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:15,16.)

Here is a plain statement that shows God does not want half-hearted service. He would rather have no service at all than to have a man serve in a kind of a lukewarm way. God wants something doing. He wants fire or freeze one. He does not want people to get easy in a kind of a half way between. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." (Amos 6:1.)

I think I have known a few preachers that would dart out and preach occasionally, just enough to ease their conscience, and then run back and work at some kind of secular employment till the message would almost burn them up, and then run

out and ease their conscience again, and keep this up nearly all their life time. And when it was over what have they accomplished? How much have they pleased God? How many souls have they won? How many churches have they organized? And what have they accomplished in their business? How much money have they saved? After all, what have they done at either job?

I tell you, God wants men and women that will stick to their job. If it is the ministry, then give your time to the ministry and work at it so faithfully that you will convince the Lord that you are going to obey your calling, and stick to it if you starve, and let your family starve, too. What did Jesus say to Peter when He found him back with the fishing nets again after He had called him to preach the gospel? Listen! "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" He said it the second time, and repeated the question the third time. And each time that Peter answered that he loved Him more than he loved the fish He told him to keep on preaching then, and not stop and "go a fishing" any more. Peter got his lesson and there is no record that shows Peter ever went back to fishing again. But he fed the sheep and the lambs and kept on at it till they hung him upon that cruel cross with his head down that ended his wonderfully successful life.

The fact of it is, this half service shows they do not love Jesus more than the other things. And the people that do the half service never accomplish anything for either side. Now brother, if you are going to preach, throw down your hoe, quit your job and go at it. If you are not going to go into it with all your might, then quit playing at it and stick to your other job and don't profess to be a preacher any more. Either be a preacher or not, one or the other.

I have heard of some of our good brothers saying they feared somebody would accuse them of being worse than an infidel if they do not provide for their family. They used to sling that at me, too, but I knew it did not apply to me and I did not care. Paul did not say that to the preacher. He said to the preachers "They which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel," and to the man that had plenty and was not preaching, take care of his aged mother or his aunt or other family relation, and if he would not do it "he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." (1 Tim. 5:8.)

I never expect to rest satisfied until all our preachers are giving their full time to the ministry, unless prevented by physical disability or old age. There is enough places to carry the gospel to keep them all busy and a million more. Let me repeat it, Every minister should give his whole time to the ministry. There is work for every one to do and nobody should be idle.

There are surely none of our ministers but what could do some work clothes and work a while under the same circumstances which impelled Paul to do so, but Paul himself insists that it shall not be so with

others. It may not be a sin for some of our preachers to don their work clothes and work in the mills, shops, stores, on the farms, in the mines, or other places, but I'm afraid some of them are going to be called into account for their neglect of soul saving, and may be confronted with souls in hell that they might have saved if they had spent their entire time in preaching, praying, reading and visiting families, to pray and talk with them about salvation.

We only have a little time to work and can only supply so much force and put in so much energy, so if that force and energy are spent in secular labor instead of soul saving I'm afraid the rewards will be scarce. And I'm afraid multitudes of souls will cry in hell that otherwise could have been saved.

About ten years ago I was in the midst of a great revival when I received a message that mother was at the point of death and for me to come at once if I wanted to see mother again. Of course I wanted to see her. I wanted to go, but I was afraid to stop that meeting and I was afraid to leave it for fear some soul might be lost eternally that I might save during the time it would require to go to mother's bedside. I knew she had all the good care she needed and I could do nothing for her that others could not do, so I remained in the meeting, and mother died and was buried without me seeing her much as I loved her and wanted to see her. I was afraid to stop that meeting for fear some one might be lost that I could save.

The same analogy carries in doing secular work. Not that it is a disgrace for a preacher to work. Not that a preacher is too nice or too proud to work, but preaching and praying and soul saving is his mission, and if he does not stick to it a soul may be lost.

A friend of mine was plowing and making a crop. One day while plowing he decided he must preach and he said to himself, "Some one else that cannot preach can plow 'old Bet!'" He broke over and went, and never went back to the plow again. We read in the Bible of a young man that was plowing "twelve yoke of oxen," and a prophet of God came along and Elisha decided to go with him to the ministry. This young man slew and boiled one yoke of his oxen and burnt up the yokes and plow and followed Elijah, and never went back to his plowing again.

Jesus gives some lessons concerning starting and stopping. In one of His discourses He called attention to the danger of stopping after starting and said, "Remember Lot's wife." History shows that God had told Lot and his wife and daughters to flee from Sodom and not even look back, but in disobedience to the command of God to "Go ye," Mrs. Lot looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt. By this reference Jesus means to show the danger in starting and then stopping. This applies specially to the preachers as well as any one else, and perhaps more.

Again Jesus shows the danger of playing "fast and loose" with

God by the expression, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62.) Listen! I shudder for some of our preachers. I have in mind one that was once useful and able to accomplish much good for the Church of God. I saw he would be a great factor in God's hands if he could only be kept at it. I begged him many times to quit his other work and go. I asked him to go with me and I would help him share the responsibilities of his family. He refused and did not go. Without meaning to say anything disrespectful of him I say sincerely that he is not now today worth five cents to the great Church of God that he once loved so dearly.

I confess, beloved, I'm afraid of this playing "fast and loose" with God. Let the folks work and make the money and living that cannot preach, and have no ability or talent for it. But those who have ought to go into it and stick to their job if they die in their tracks of starvation. Go into it boys, if God has chosen you and sent you in His great harvest field; then obey the call, and if He lets you suffer and die of starvation then die at your post. Be a hero for God. Stand hard things, and don't be afraid. Stick to your job or else don't claim the call.

Am I making this too close? Do you feel that I am throwing at you? But listen dears, and you will see that I love you and am speaking from a heart overflowing with love for you and the precious souls that will be lost if you do not stick to your job. "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman *** , therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." (Ezek. 3:17,18.) Read this again, beloved, and then see if you can plow or mine or do other work outside your own job that you say God has called you into.

My heart is full. What more can I say? I am afraid to stop short of doing my best. The world is full of wicked men and women, and if I do not do my best to warn them and go to the very limit of my capacity I'm afraid their blood will be upon me. Last night I worked hard until midnight, then up and at it again at five in the morning and now as I write, it is near midnight again. I am almost afraid to sleep for fear I will let some soul slip into hell that I might save. Tears fill my eyes now as I think of the wicked that I must warn. How a preacher can be content earning two, four, or even ten dollars a day at some secular employment is more than I can understand. Surely the blood of the wicked that die in their wickedness will be upon the preachers that do not stick to their job and go to their utmost capacity in soul saving.

You can see from my writing that I am stirred. Yes, my soul is stirred to its very depths. Soul saving is our job, and if we do not

stick to our job I'm afraid we will be covered with blood, blood, blood, of lost souls, at the judgment. My heart is about to break over this thing. I want our preachers to drop their shovels and picks and hammers and saws, and make a break for revival work and never stop till they fall in their tracks. This year must be one of toil.

I count on about sixty thousand people reading this message. If one third of that number get stirred like my soul is stirred there will be something doing. Men will say goodbye to their loved ones, and smile through their tears as they start. Women will be fired until they will almost involuntarily be wringing their hands and screaming. Souls right at your door untouched—unsaved. Their blood will fall some where and how do you know but what it may be upon you if you do not do your best?

Again my heart feels like it will almost burst. It seems I cannot stop. This message must burn its way through. This may be my last, but I have the consolation of knowing my whole soul is in it to stir our people up to do their best for fear the blood of the wicked will be upon us.

Oh! Oh! Hell is enlarging. It is yawning as it moves to gather the multitudes into its awful and furious embrace. Oh preachers, work and preach, but for heaven's sake, work at soul saving, instead of secular labor. I am more convinced than ever that every minister should give his whole time to the ministry, and every member of the church should encourage them to do so by working hard to support them and their dear families. There is work for every one to do and no body should be idle. The preachers should preach and pray and get people saved. The members should pray and work hard to support them and thus hold up their hands.

Beloved, let up pray and weep and preach and work and pray some more and pull down the fire and power this year until we can burn our way through the darkest darkness, and do the exploits we have been reading about for years. The time has surely come for this very thing. The wicked shall do wickedly, but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. (Dan. 11:32.) Surely, surely, the time has come for this very prophecy to be fulfilled. Will you lay down other things and let it have its place in you? Or will you still go on playing "fast and loose" with God and making Him promises like you have been doing for years?

Remember Lot's wife, and push ahead. I fancy I see both men and women throwing off the shackles that have been holding them for years and bracing up and saying, I'm going! I'm going! If I don't I'll lose my own soul. I see them walking out of the shops, mines, bidding goodbye to their shopmates and buddies. "All right, beloved, God will bless you and stand by you and give you a successful ministry if you humbly obey and keep fired up and work. Love you? My very soul is a flame of love for every one of you! Love!

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Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Many good words are pouring into the office concerning the Evangel. The people that read it think it is a wonderful paper, judging by the contents of the many letters we receive. We greatly appreciate these good words, it makes us feel at least that our work is not an entire failure. We cannot reply to all of these good letters only in a general way like this, but we love all the writers and feel a sweet fellowship in the Spirit with them.

Watch the Evangel for some good news. We do not know just when it will appear, but look out for it, for you will surely see it if Jesus tarries and you read the whole paper through every week. We are sure you do not want to miss it so you must read and watch.

HOME MISSION DAY FALLS ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9 NEXT TIME. REMEMBER WHAT THIS MEANS AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

We take pleasure in announcing this week the release from prison of our dear Brother Claude Ellard. He has had a long hard trial of confinement, but is free at last. We have worked hard for quite awhile to secure a pardon for him and thank God at last our labors have been rewarded. I am sure his friends who knew the circumstances surrounding his confinement will rejoice to hear the good news.

Brother Thomas B. Buckalew of Camden, N. J., gave us a pleasant call last week. He has been holding the work at Portsmouth, Va., for more than a month, and reports good prospects for that city. We were much pleased to have him with us and although his stay was very short he made a good impression while here. We believe he will be an honor to the Church of God and we expect him to accomplish much good in the Master's service. He was open and ready for instructions concerning the work of the church and his submission and humility has won for him a position of trust. He has been accepted into the ministry and will continue to hold the work in Portsmouth an indefinite period of time after he returns from a few days visit with his mother and other relatives in his home state.

James T. Penny of Hixson, Tenn., spent a few days with us in the Evangel office last week. Brother Penny has a rich experience and an excellent spirit. He came to get a glimpse of the inside work of the office that he might be better able to represent

the great work for which he so nobly stands.

Sister Bertha Weaver, one of our worthy sister ministers who resides and holds forth in Walbridge, Ohio, preached in this city last Sunday night to a large congregation. Her message was edifying to the saints and met with a hearty response from both saint and sinner. Her manner of expression, humility and ability to handle the Scriptures won for her the admiration of all the saints. She is here on account of the illness of her mother, sister Jane Hensley.

We feel compelled to again apologize to some of our correspondents for delay in responding to their good letters. I will get to them as soon as possible and try to answer their questions and give the information desired. Our stenographer was suddenly attacked with serious illness and while the Lord delivered her miraculously yet it was necessary for her to have a little rest before resuming her work.

Brother Ada McGehee of Clifty, Ky., spent last week in the Bible school. He and his wife spent the week in the home and while here he decided to improve the time by being in the school and catching what little he could in Bible instruction in that short time. Of course he could not get much in a week, but every little counts.

We want every member of the great Evangel family to consider themselves a special representative of the Church of God Evangel and solicit subscriptions and help us increase the circulation of the little white winged messenger. Send for extra copies and subscription sheets and go among your neighbors and friends, and even among strangers and show them the paper and get them to subscribe. Remember this is a good work for the Master. Every time you get a yearly subscription it means fifty-one good gospel messages in that home in a year, and God will reward you for your service in His own way and time.

Boost the Evangel all you can, for it is the only paper of its kind in the world and ought to be read by every body. The circulation is increasing at a fair rate, but this ought to be doubled. If we reach the twenty thousand by the next Assembly in November we must have fifteen thousand by the first of May. This will mean an increase of 750 per month and 188 every week. This is not too much to expect when we know our people are so greatly interested in the work. Hope every state and district overseer will arrange some systematic plan to work your territory and not only see that every member of church is a subscriber, but many outsiders as well. Let us all work together in this thing as we have been doing only, in an increased proportion.

As I am closing up these notes, word has reached me that Brother J. W. Murray of Valdosta, Ga., has been sentenced to two years imprisonment in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Ga. I do not know the particulars in the case, neither do I know the charges against him. Brother Murray has been one of our prominent ministers of South Georgia and North Florida for several years. We will commence investigations immediately. He says he only read the teachings of the Church of God in a public meeting. Every body pray for him.

If there are any churches or ministers that have not yet received the monthly report forms please notify headquarters and we will take pleasure in supplying them. Remember that every church and every minister are

required to furnish headquarters with a report dated the last day of each month. A few have failed to report hitherto, but we trust none will neglect this matter any more.

The surplus tithes remaining in any local church treasury are under the supervision of the overseer of the State and the local church where the surplus money is found. No surplus should be used by the church out of the ordinary channel without the counsel of the Overseer of the state in which said local church is situated. Said surplus can be used to assist ministers in opening up new work or assisting that which is not self-sustaining, or other evangelistic work.

Every minister should be a constant student of the Bible and not depend only upon what he has already learned. There is much more to learn and each one should continue to search it out, and prepare to put the same truth before the people in a different form sometimes. Study, pray, get wisdom and knowledge.

Notice.

Sister Mary Howell will preach at Mount Olive church five miles from Cleveland, Tenn., on February 2, 1919, at 11 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

James W. Greene.

Good News.

Birmingham, Ala. Jan. 21, 1919.

Mr. A. J. Tomlinson, Cleveland, Tenn.

Kind Friend:
I have never written you before. It is with pleasure I am now writing. I want you to hear the good news.

Claude Ellard has been granted a parole or pardon. Governor Henderson signed up last Friday night to release Claude Saturday at twelve o'clock.

I am so happy and thankful, and want to thank you for your hearty cooperation with him all the way through his tribulations.

Words can't express my appreciation of your helping hand, and if we never repay you for your goodness, our heavenly Father will reward you.

You will hear the good news in time, but I have intruded on your time. I am so glad and thankful I wanted to tell you for you have been so faithful to Claude all the way through.

I remain as ever,
Mrs. J. W. Lacey,
902 N. 48th St.

REQUESTS

Sister Jane Bronnan requests prayer that she may be healed of a cough, caused from the influenza. She is trusting God for her healing, also requests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Little Troy Sheffield, aged nine years, has a knot growing in his wrist, and requests prayer that this will be removed.

Please pray that our baby may be healed, also that I may receive the Holy Ghost and keep true to Jesus.

O. M. Amacker and Wife.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Alma Hagland,
Warrior, Ala.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Virgie Thomas,
Warrior, Ala.

Lafollette, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:
I want to praise God for what

He is to me, and for healing me and my little children of the influenza. Brother Jim Kelly, and another brother held a three week's meeting here in December. The Word was given out with power. Pray for this place, and pray for the saints here that they may so live that the world may see there is a reality in their religion.

Your sister in Jesus,
Nellie Starritt.

Notice.

The Church of God at Texas Valley, Ga. wants to hear from the members, whose names are as follows: Katie Dyer, Willie Ella, G. W. Teems, F. F. McGuire, R. O. Teems, Ada Garmony, Mont Brown, Nannie Davis, A. D. Johnson, R. L. Parks, Emma Parks, Josie Parks, Mattie Baker, Lizzie Davis, Becky Jackson, W. T. Fowler, Adie May Jackson.

T. S. Payne will preach at my place the third Sunday in February.

Will those named, come or send testimony.

J. H. Davis, clerk,
Armuchee, Ga.

Erastus, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Family—Greetings:

I praise God for full and free salvation, which I have been enjoying five years.

During this short time I have received more spiritual blessings than I did thirty-five years before. I certainly do praise God who redeemed us from the awful curse of sin and has led us on, until by faith in Him we stand as conquerors.

Praises be unto God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Oh! it is so good to be free through Jesus. Saints, pray for the little band here, that we may go through the refining fire and be found among the pure gold.

God bless you all, let us not sleep as do others but be ready when He comes or calls.

Your sister in the love of Jesus,

Sarah Childers.

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Avery, Texas

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me. We have no church here, and no saints, except myself and little daughter.

We take Jesus for our healer and He never turns us away, and I am determined to trust Him to the end.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,
Susie Montgomery.

JESUS IS COMING

C. A. CHURCHILL

Acts. 1:11. The message of angels at the Mount of Transfiguration was that Jesus is coming back to earth again. Some people would mock and laugh if we were to tell them that Jesus was coming soon.

This theme is neglected in the churches of today. Different writers of the Bible tell of things and conditions which will exist before the coming of Jesus.

Jesus said that we would know that summer was drawing near by the fig tree putting forth its leaves. Paul said that we would know we were living in the last days by people being proud, boasters, blasphemers, covetous, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affections, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

Many people have a form of godliness but no real life. They repeat a prayer, sing songs and etc., but it is not heart service. They "endure religion" instead of "enjoy salvation," and often times it takes a person with the real goods to distinguish between the two.

Some years ago, I was employed by the A. C. R. R. company as freight trucker at South Water St., Chicago. As myself and a fellow laborer were walking down Michigan Avenue one afternoon, I noticed a huge lion standing at a distant from us. I remarked to my friend, "See that lion? I wonder if they let him run at large in a city like this." I noticed he did not move. Finally we came closer and I remarked "It is only a form of a lion made out of stone." Do you get the lesson? It had the appearance of a real lion, but not a nerve, not a vein or heart about it—dead. It was speechless, powerless and motionless. That is the condition of a large majority of church members. They have no speech but what condemns them. No power, for Satan has them in his clutches. This is a sign that we are living in the evening tide of Christ's coming.

By referring to the book of Daniel we find that knowledge will be increased, and that many will run to and fro. Never before in the world's history has there been such unrest with the people. They are certainly running to and fro, seeking rest but finding none. They are trying to satisfy the longings of the soul by worldly pleasures. But peace and rest can be found only in Jesus. A world that mocked, rejected and finally killed the Son of God will not comfort that heart that is longing for Jesus.

"Knowledge will be increased." Anyone who thinks clearly can see and know that the day of real progress has come to men of invention, and genius. Navigation is no more a question when we think of how the steamers ride the waves at 23 knots per hour, and not fear the storms. Not only that, but look at the sub-marine as it speeds across the waters until it spots a ship, and then it darts under the water and with powerful glasses locates the enemy ship, then proceeds to do its deadly work.

Doesn't that look as if knowledge was on the increase? Think of the phonograph made of wood and metal, not the least bit of life about it, yet it talks readily and can be understood. These and many others such as wireless telegraphy are signs too plain to be misunderstood by honest Bible students of Christ's coming, or fulfillment of Daniel 12. Scripture is rapidly being fulfilled, "Ye shall hear of war and rumors of wars." This great war which has just closed for a temporary peace (when they shall cry peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh.... Paul) is another sign of His coming.

I notice that the holiness peo-

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ple are the only ones who are looking for Jesus to come soon.

How can we help but look for Him? "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man." Noah preached 120 years but nobody believed that the flood was coming, but nevertheless it came. Man's unbelief does not change facts.

People are blinded by the gods of this world, and we are sent "to open the eyes of the blind" to this great and important fact that Jesus is coming again, and to urge them to get ready.

Jesus' coming will be a great event to the ones who are ready, but woe to the those who are not ready.

Reader, if you are not ready, I advise you as one who knows "that the way of the transgressor is hard," to get ready. The beauties that are to be revealed in the world to come will far outweigh all the light afflictions of this life.

I feel that His coming is very near. Oh, how I long to get a glimpse of the Savior, who promised that He would come back again. Bless His dear name forever!

On the night of Dec. 25, 1918 I had the following dream: I dreamed that the stars fell to the earth, as thick and fast as I have seen snow flakes fall, and they were falling in every direction. Then I noticed that a large black cloud arose and caught on fire, and the large red flames came from every direction and seemed to disappear in the center of the sky. While this was taking place, people were howling, screaming and running hither and thither. Suddenly I found myself trying to console them, but all in vain. They would not listen to me. As I listened I could hear the roaring of the flames. "The elements shall melt with fervent heat." This ended my dream and I awoke shouting.

I feel that His coming is almost here. Oh may we be ready and keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and our "garments white." May we take up the habit of daily examination to see if we are in the faith.

When Jesus comes, be ready to go. With garments clean and white; Or else 'twill be a land of woe Where never shines a light.

Zirkle, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Just a few words for the Lord today. I want to praise Him for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men. I want to praise the Lord for the wonderful work He has done at this place, about forty people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, during the past nine weeks. Praise His holy name!

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may stay humble at His feet, and win souls for Him.

Yours in His service,

Eva Ricketson.

Why Does Satan Hate The Speaking Tongues?

SAM. C. PERRY.

When there is any degree of spiritual power manifested to God's people there will be the special hatred of the enemy, and indeed, it would be strange if Satan who is the enemy of all righteousness, were not entrenched against the truth at every point.

Jesus said of His followers "they shall speak with new tongues." Satan hated everything that Jesus did, but here was a sign that was beyond His control, even the lives of those who were thus exercised, were out of his reach, they were "hid with Christ in God." Satan might imitate the speaking in tongues, but those who had this experience with God, walked with Him and were exercised by Him in a relationship that was so different from Satan's kingdom, that it wrought havoc with it everywhere the two came in contact with each other. If he imitated the speaking in tongues it must have been through agents that were so grossly sinful that their nature was apparent to all, therefore could serve no good purpose in deceiving and leading astray God's elect, so this marvelous manifestation of the divine through the human becomes at once a thing to be greatly hated by Satan.

The speaking in tongues accompanied the greatest revival of religion of all time. There had been many occasions when men had flocked to God in multitudes, but no such sign as this had ever accompanied the blessings received, and of course, this distinctive sign of the greater flow of people to the truth must not pass without the special attention and hatred of the enemy of souls.

And we believe today that Satan would look over almost every other manifestation of the Spirit and give little attention to the most ordinary forms of worship, if he might have the opportunity of pouring his wrath on some of God's humble children for speaking in tongues.

There is a reason for Satan's hatred. He is not ignorant of the workings of the Almighty God. The speaking in tongues by the power of the Spirit accompanies the sealing of God's servants for the Kingdom, and Satan knows it full well, and if it were in his power he would stop it. But he can no more do so than he can deceive God's elect. God is carrying on His work and although Satan may rage he is powerless to prevent the plan and purpose of the God of heaven.

Satan finds a ready avenue of hatred and opposition in many who profess to believe in Jesus Christ, but are not humble enough to submit to all of the marks of true Christianity, on account of the persecutions and humiliations they would encounter. Satan must take care of this class. They serve such a good purpose in carrying out his evil designs, that he must fix a very reasonable, and, apparently, Scriptural ground for their rejection of the speaking in tongues.

Of course a man who still has some of the ambitions of the world in him, cannot submit to a great humiliation, if he can get it fixed to go through without it. So Satan is often greatly enraged lest this class might have their eyes opened to their delusion, and see the truth and go on with God.

Satan hates the speaking in tongues because there are many blessings, graces and gifts of the Spirit that we will know if we get near enough God to speak in tongues as at Pentecost, and this nearness, when once reached means the abundant life of good things, which puts the soul so much

further from the carnal or fleshly life, where Satan operates, that he cannot but make an effort to stop it. Indeed we are not surprised that Satan makes such an effort to stop the speaking in tongues. But the surprise is that men who pass as "good and great and wise" will pour forth such bitter opposition to that which is divine, Scriptural, apostolic, experimental and profitable.

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OBITUARIES.

The death angel visited the home of Brother Horton, of Hardy, Miss., and claimed their little girl, Eloise, aged three years. Death caused by influenza. She leaves to mourn her death, a mother, father, one sister, and many friends.

Beulah Kerr.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Burrell, of Bailey, Ga., and carried away their son, Author Burrell, aged twelve years. He trusted the Lord during his sickness and at last he fell asleep in Jesus.

We hope to meet him when our work on earth is done.

Mabel Altman.

Sister Toileise Tyler, of Haynes, Ark., aged twenty-one years, departed this life Jan. 7, 1919. The next day Jan. 8, her baby, Julia Carl, aged one year, and five months, was transplanted from earth to glory. The mother and babe were placed in the same casket. Sister Toileise lived a true Christian life; she was faithful till death. We will miss her so much, but the Psalmist David

said, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

From one who loved her,
Mrs. Mae Orsborne.

Brother W. E. Tyler, of Haynes, Ark., aged twenty-four years, fell asleep in Jesus. He suffered intensely for thirteen days, but never complained. The day before he died he sang two songs. He praised God, and talked in tongues till the last.

He leaves a father, mother, two sisters, and many friends to mourn his loss. Brother Burk, and Brother Clark conducted funeral services. The bereaved family have our sympathy.

Your brother in Christ,
O. C. Orsborne.

Dear Brother Lois Jones, of Blountsville, Ala., aged twenty-three years, departed this life on Jan. 8, 1919. Death caused by influenza, and pneumonia. Brother Louis trusted the Lord to the end. He was a faithful Christian. He leaves to mourn his death, a wife, baby, father, mother, one brother, five sisters, many relatives and friends.

He was one of God's choice flowers, plucked from this old thorny desert, and transplanted in glory. Brother Lois was married to Zonie Ellis, niece of J. B. Ellis.

His body was laid to rest in the Hood cemetery near Royal. Funeral service was conducted by D. R. Holcomb.

Your brother,
L. A. Baker.

Brother Albo Trussell, of Dods-ville, Miss., departed this life on November, 9, 1918. He shouted, and talked in tongues till Jesus called him.

He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death. Pray for me that I may live a true life and meet my dear husband again.

Mrs. Albo Trussell.

Sister Lula Staten, of Altoona, Ala., departed this life Jan. 9, 1919. She was ready to go. We will miss her, but we weep not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Wheat. She leaves a husband, one child, a mother, one brother, and many friends to mourn her death.

One who loved her.

Dear Sister N. E. Whitman departed this life Jan. 5, 1919. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. She was a loyal worker in the Sunday School, and she will be missed. Pray for her unsaved boys that they will meet their mother in heaven. She leaves a husband, children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

So sad was it for us to part,
From our sister in the Lord,
She fell asleep in Jesus
And gained the great reward.
She lived a life that measured up,
With the Word of God so true.
Like those who will meet her in heaven
Will surely have to do.
She'd been added to the Church of God
The way she knew was right.
As all true saints of God will do,
As soon as they see the light.

J. A. West,
J. B. Edwards.

Plainview, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and all the Dear Saints of God:

I wish to make a confession, and request through the Evangel. On July 1, 1915, I was baptized with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts. 2:4 and the Lord called me to preach, gave me a vision of what it would mean to me if I failed to preach. I made a start, but in a few months backslide. I knew my duty but did it not. My heart is burdened and I want all the saints to pray a special prayer for me Sunday Feb. 2, 1919, that I may be reclaimed.

A. Prodigal,
J. J. Knight.

Ensley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints—Greetings in Jesus. Name:

I praise God that I am living in these last days, when God is pouring out His Spirit.

I praise Him because the Comforter abides, Bless His Name. I am so glad I have learned to trust Jesus.

The Lord wonderfully healed my little cousin of pneumonia, after I had given him up. All the glory be to Him. I want all the saints to pray for my mother, who is afflicted.

Your sister,
Mrs. Alice Ramly.

Warrior, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am still praising God for full and free salvation that keeps me sweet in my soul. I praise God for His healing power, and for the way He blesses me. We had a good meeting Sunday, one was sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost, Praise His name! I feel like pressing on, and earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that I may be obedient to His will.

Your sister,
Della Barnett

Artesia, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and all the Saints:

I am praising God this evening for full and free salvation, I am so glad that He ever picked me up out of sin.

I remember one day the Lord so wonderfully forgave me my actual transgressions, sanctified me, and on December 18, 1918. He baptised me with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

I am only thirteen years of age, and desire the prayers of all the dear saints that I may stand true, and be kept in God's will. I would be glad to hear from any of the dear saints.

Your sister in Christ,
Gracie Mae Blankinship.

Lexington, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson: This is the first time I have asked for space in the Evangel. I enjoy reading letters from the saints of God everywhere. Praise His name!

I praise God for His healing power, one of my boys, and my daughter and family had the influenza and the Lord healed them. It pays to trust the Lord. Hallelujah! I have three unsaved boys, and desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for them.

Pray that God will break through at this place. I want to live humble, and win souls for Jesus.

Your sister,
A. M. Utebo.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

I want to praise God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. Bless His dear Name! As I think of the many blessings that God showers down upon me, I feel so unworthy of His goodness to me.

As I meditate on the sufferings of Jesus, and remember how He gave His life for us I feel more determined to live closer to God and put forth a greater effort to do more in the future than I have done in the past. Please pray for me, that I may be more like Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,
J. W. Scarbrough.

Army and Navy Hospital

Elizabethton, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We have just closed a revival here. Must report victory through the blood of Jesus. It is wonderful how the Lord did bless in the meeting which lasted four weeks. Twenty-three were saved, fifteen sanctified, and

thirteen received the Holy Ghost.

The meeting was held in the court house and attended by large crowds. The people are hungry for the true gospel. We closed the meeting with many at the altar calling on God for salvation. We intend to set the church in order soon and organize a Sunday School. The work is moving on nicely.

Sister Voiles, and daughter, of Lenoir City, spent three weeks with us and were a great help to us in the revival. We are expecting to enter new fields and desire the prayers of the saints. We are trusting God for all things.

Your humble brothers and sisters,

L. C. Yates and wife,
Robert Woods and wife,
B. O. Rosenbaum.

Bible School.

A Bible School will be conducted at Alabama City, Ala., from Feb. 15 to Feb. 23, by M. S. Lemons of Atlanta, Ga.

You will be taught how to study the Bible, how to collect and classify Scriptures, how to meet arguments against our doctrine and teaching, and what our doctrine and teaching is.

You will be taught what your duty is and what is required of you as a bishop, deacon and evangelist.

Full instructions concerning the relation of each order of the ministry to the others will be given. The titling system as outlined by the Assembly will be explained. The duty of treasurers and clerks will be considered. In fact every thing about the great Church of God that you need to know will be given due consideration.

A complete minute of the work of the Assembly of the Church of God from its beginning will probably be ready by the opening of the school. You will need one. Send in your order now to Brother Tomlinson. If you get it be sure and bring it with you. Every minister in Alabama needs to be present.

Free entertainment will be provided for all ministers. A tuition of \$2.00 will be charged. If you can't pay it, come on any way a collection will be taken to meet the deficiency.

The Brass Band from Helicon will be there. D. V. Evangelistic services will be held every night. Come and enjoy this feast with us.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis.

Brewster, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for what He is to me, and that I am still on the run for heaven.

I praise Him because the Holy Ghost abides.

I have been a reader of the little "white winged messenger" for eight years, cannot get along without it. Is food to my soul, and brings the good news every week.

I thank Him for the way He is revealing His Word to those who obey Him. I am glad His yoke is easy, His burden light, and I love to suffer for Him. I pray that I may be able to stand in these last days. We still have Sunday School and prayer meetings. We need a good preacher here to help us get the fire burning again, that souls may be saved.

Pray for the church here.

Your humble sister in Christ,
E. C. Childers.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

It is sweet to know I am on my way to heaven this morning. I don't know how far I am on the way but praise God, I mean to press along by His help. I am glad that that God ever convicted me of sin.

I am sending in a few names

for the little soul-feeder—The Evangel. It does my soul good to do something for God and I know He is pleased with our little paper because it feeds so many people with manna from on high.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Fred Byrd.

[This sister sent in 14 subs. at once. Who will do likewise? —Ed.]

Glen Saint Mary, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to sound a note of praise to our King for the glory that fills my soul just now.

I am glad that I have started out to trust Him. I realize the enemy is arrayed against me with all his power. Pray for me that God will give me greater victory and take me through.

Your brother,
Raiford Crews

Notice.

The Church of God at Marietta, Ohio, is located at 104 Third St. Any Church of God brother or sister who pass this way, we would be glad to have you with us, and you would be welcome in our home.

Services Wednesday, Friday and Sunday night at 7:30. Sunday School on Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Remember the little church here in your prayers.

Emmer Thornton,
212 Linewood Ave.,
Marietta, Ohio.

Walling, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers:

I am praising God for a salvation that is real, and that we can know without a doubt our sins are all under the blood. Hallelujah! I have been in the holiness way two years, and the way grows brighter each day. Praise His name! I am so glad that I am a member of the Church of God—the only one the Bible mentions. I praise God for healing me after years of suffering. The doctors said I could not live but a short time. I saw in the Word that God would heal, and began to trust Him. When the light of full salvation came to me I gave up all to follow Him and He sanctified me, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name.

Your sister,
Sallie Gooch.

Istachatta, Fla.

Dear Saints:

I am a little girl eleven years of age, and dear saints I want you to pray for me and my cousin that we may be saved. I don't want to be left when Jesus comes.

Wanting to be your sister in Christ,

Nellie Giddens.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am a little girl six years old, and want the saints to pray for me that I may be saved before it is too late.

Jearldine Wiggins.

Fotsters Falls, Va.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for this great salvation and for victory in my soul. I am only a babe in Christ, and desire the prayers of the saints that I may be a soul winner for Him.

I want to so live that I shall see His sweet face when He comes or calls. I will be glad when the time comes for me to leave this world of sorrow and go to my heavenly mansion where all will be joy, peace and happiness. I expect to reach that place some day. It is sad to see so many falling by the way, when such a price has been paid for our redemption—the blood of Jesus shed on Calvary. Pray for me.

Your sister in the faith,
Mrs. Ohas. Smythers.

Lamison, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise for my Savior, for what He has done for me.

I am glad this salvation is free to all who will accept it.

I am glad God sent His faithful servants here to tell of this wonderful salvation. Brother Luther Richard, and workers held a meeting here, and several were saved, one received the Holy Ghost. Eleven have been baptized with the Holy Ghost since the meeting closed. I praise the Lord I was one of this number.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing us here at Lamison camp at our little prayer meetings. I want to do all I can for Him, who shed His blood on Calvary, that I might be saved and have such joy and peace.

I request that all who read this to pray that Mr. Will Pope's eye sight may be restored, and that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Pray that I may be true to Jesus and be ready when He comes or calls.

May God bless all the saints everywhere.

I am your happy sister in Jesus,

Mary Gray Kiker.

Itta Bena, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

As I sit here all alone this beautiful Sunday morning I want to praise God for what He is to me. Six months ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Each day, I love my Savior more and more. I know I am only a weak babe in Christ, but I pray that He will make me strong and use me in His service.

Nothing is as sweet to me, as to praise God and obey His Word. How He blesses me from day to day. I have never been in a Church of God, since the message was brought to us by Brother Davis, and Brother Grant Williams, but I long to go where I can worship with the saints. Jesus is all in all to me. Pray for the unsaved in my home and pray for me that God may have His way with me and that I might stand steadfast and hold the banner high.

Your sister,
Lizzie Wiltshire.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints of God--Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am so glad to report victory in my soul, through the blood of Jesus. I am so thankful that I ever found the Lord and began to walk in His way.

I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I request the prayers of the saints, that I may grow stronger in the Lord and do more in the future, than I have in the past.

Your sister in Christ,
Rosa Shepard.

Fayetteville N.C.

Greetings in Jesus Name:

I feel like sending my testimony again, as it has been some time since I wrote to the "White winged messenger."

On this beautiful Sunday morning I have stolen away from the noisy bunk house into a quiet place to pray and enjoy myself with the Lord.

Oh! how I love to tell the sweet story. Bless His dear name! Am so glad that I still have salvation, and the comforter abides. He testifies for Himself.

I have a greater determination to do more, and get a deeper experience than ever before.

I praise God for healing me of influenza in south Ga. Oh! that the world could realize His power to save and heal.

I love to read the 91st Psalm. It is such a comfort to the one traveling the narrow way.

Pray that God may have His way with me, and that I may be led into His vineyard. With love.

O.P. Hughey.
Camp Bragg.

Branford Fla

Dear Brother Tomlinson--Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost.

I also praise Him for the many times He has healed us.

It is sweet to trust in Jesus and I always find Him a friend in time of need.

Last August our baby was healed of a fever, after it had been sick four days.

I am always glad to tell the unsaved about Jesus, and to explain to them the great plan of salvation.

I praise God for the joy that fills our souls when we are persecuted for His sake.

He has said "If we live godly in Christ Jesus we shall suffer persecution."

I ask all the saints to pray for me, that God will make known His will to me, and that I may be used for His glory, also be ready when He comes or calls.

Your sister in Jesus,
Ellen Bradley.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family--Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I feel like adding my testimony with the dear saints, who have tasted this wonderful salvation.

I praise Him for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Am so glad I ever started to follow Jesus, and determined to go on.

I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may be true to the end.

Your sister,
Mamie Griffin.

Punta Gorda, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for the love He has for me.

How my soul longs to go and meet Jesus. It is the desire of my heart to look beyond the things of

this world to the "things that eye hath never seen."

Pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost. I want to be ready when He comes or calls.

Your unworthy sister,
Ella Douglas.

LIGHT ON LIFE'S DUTIES

MRS. MARY HOWELL

You can have ecstasy of joy in keeping the following: "Confess your sins," it is hardly possible for the prodigal to stammer out the words, "Father I have sinned," before the answer flashes upon him, "I have put away thy sin, thou shalt not die." There is not a moment's interval of humble confession of sin and God's forgiveness.

"He is faithful and just to forgive."—1 John 1:9.

You can have ecstasy of joy in obeying God's Word.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. Quench not the Spirit. Prove all things, hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil."—1 Thess. 5:17-22.

"Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"—Gal. 6:10. "Comfort yourselves together, and edify one another."

—1 Thess. 5:11. "Love one another."—1 John 4:7. "Love your enemies." "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—Eph. 4:32. "Let no man deceive you with vain words."—Eph. 5:6.

"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."—Eph. 5:11.

"See that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."—Eph. 5:15.

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."—"Be filled with the Spirit."—Eph. 5:17-18.

"Obey your parents in the Lord."—Eph. 6:1. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." "Put on the whole armor of God."—Eph. 6:10-11.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. And watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."—Eph. 6:13-18.

"Stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel."—Phil. 1:27. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2:5.

"Let each esteem other better than themselves."—Phil. 2:3. "Do all things without murmuring and disputings."—Phil. 2:14. "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."—2 Cor. 13:11.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."—Matt. 5:48.

"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."—1 Tim. 4:12. Do all this and more light will shine on your pathway.

Richmond Dale, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been reading the Evangel with great eagerness and interest; have received many blessings from reading the paper. I have felt for some time the Lord would have me tell the

wonderful things He has done for me.

At first I feared what people would say, but I have died out to the opinions of others, and can now praise the Lord. I was very sick, also two of my children, the saints came in and prayed for us and the Lord healed us, and I praise Him for His great healing power.

Pray for us.

Your sister,
Alice Durrant.

Report.

We have just closed a meeting at Morgantown, and Mount Sinai with good results.

Sixteen received the Holy Ghost including a little colored boy, several saved, and sanctified.

Hot lamp shades were handled by the power of God. The saints seemed to be edified, and encouraged to press on, and truly this was one of our greatest meetings, in all of our evangelistic work, as God's power was greatly manifested at times among the saints.

All pray for your brother in Christ.

E. B. Culpepper,
Home address Lake Park, Ga.

Dogwood, Tenn.

I am so glad this beautiful morning still finds me shouting the victory. I was saved over two years ago, and soon after this, was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I wanted to be a true child of God while a member of the Methodist church and felt the need of something more than I had to keep me from getting mad.

My brothers received the experience and would talk to me of how happy they were, and I saw such a great change in their lives, that I knew it was God's work. I began to steal away to a secret place, to pray and search the old family Bible, and soon found out where I was standing, and did not go very long until I climbed over the fence, not through it, but over the top into green pastures where I am now grazing with the sheep.

Each day of my life I feel impressed to grow deeper, and strike a more solid foundation, also feel burdened for this lost world, and so anxious for them to get in this blessed way, where they can know without a doubt that they are a true child of God. I want to so live each day that if I should be called away that I would be ready to meet Jesus, and the loved ones that are waiting for me.

I enjoy reading the Evangel better than anything except the Bible. I trust the Lord for my healing, have not taken any medicine for three years.

I regretted very much to read the sad news of our dear Brother L. H. Juillerat, his sermons have been such a blessing to me. We know he is at rest and we can meet him soon, if we press on and stand true to Jesus.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may ever stay under the blood.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. Hayden Greene.

Sweetwater, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints--Greetings:

I praise God this morning that the Holy Ghost still abides, and for the way the Lord heals. I praise Him because I am a member of the dear old Church of God. Sister Shepherd was with us a few days, and gave us a good trimming up, and fed us on meat. It was good for me and I was made stronger in the Lord.

I want to live such a life, that the world will see that this is the way to heaven.

Pray that I may go all the way with Jesus, and that my daughter may be healed.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. Robert McGah.

Dunap, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints Scattered Abroad--Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We are praising God at this place, for victory over sin and Satan. We are few in number but the Lord never fails to bless us when we call on Him.

We held a ten day's meeting here in December. Three were baptized with the Holy Ghost.

We are expecting great things from the Lord this year. We had a good watch-night service, and all promised to do more for Jesus and His cause this year, than last.

We request the prayers of the saints for this place.

Pray that the Lord may have His way with us.

Your brother in Christ,
Ralph Coulter.

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